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# Meiassis Dragon

THE BARONY OF DRAGONSSPINE

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## Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa

A note from the Chronicler:

I apologize for the dearth of newsletters lately. Real life has gotten in the way of playing the game we call the Dream. As a result, many months have passed since I last reached out in our Baronial newsletter.

It is my hope that such a lengthy pause will never happen again.

Yours in Service to the Dream,
Madame Adelaisa Bernois
Chronicler, Barony of Dragonsspine

# Regular Local Gatherings

**Fighter Practice**
Thursday
Winter: Westside Center
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Summer: Bear Creek Park
6:00 pm to dark
Sunday Afternoon
Various Parks in Monument

**Archery Practice**
Sir Ton's Field (Black Forest)
Sundays
1:00-4:00 pm
Weather Dependent
Bear Creek Park
Thursdays
6:00 pm
Summer Only

**Business Meeting**
Monday 7PM
Fire Station #20

**Sewing Workshops**
(also woodshop space)
Maitresse Mathilde's
Briargate area
1st Sunday (Depending on Events)
1:00-5:00 pm

**A&S/Largesse Workshops**
Lady Adelaisa's house
Fountain Area
3rd Sunday (Depending on Events)
1:00-5:00 pm

**All meetings in private homes may be cancelled or changed at the host's discretion. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for the most up to date information.**

# Upcoming Events

# events on TRM progress * events on TE Dragonsspine progress

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| **October 2016** | | |
| 7-9 | Fontaine dans Sable | Warders of the Western Gate |
| 8-9 | Ravenhyrst | Punkin Chunkin |
| 15-16 | Blackwater Keep | Peanut Valley Festival |
| 15 | Citadel | Feast of St. Edrik |
| 15 | Caerthe | Queen's Prize #* |
| 16 | Caer Galen | Baronial Polling # |
| 22 | Villaleon | Day in a Shire # |
| 22 | Unser Hafen | Newcomers #* |
| 22 | Saint Golias | Feast of St. Golias |
| **November 2016** | | |
| 5-6 | al-Barran | Coronation #* |
| 11-12 | Calontir | Known World Fiber Arts Symposium |
| 19 | al-Barran | Day of A&S |
| 20 | al-Barran | Toys for Tots |
| **December 2016** | | |
| 3 | Windkeep | Hunters Feast #* |
| 10 | Caer Galen | Midwinter#* |
| 17-18 | al-Barran | Midwinter and War Practice # |
| **January 2017** | | |
| 7 | Caerthe | Twelfth Night #* |
| 14 | Aarquelle | Viking Vintr Vonderlandt # |
| 21 | Citadel | 12th Night # |
| **February 2017** | | |
| 18 | Calontir | Winter War Maneuvers |
| 21-27 | Atenveldt | Estrella War #* |

# Buisness Meeting Minutes

### Dragonsspine Baronial Meeting

**June 9, 2016**

Meeting led by Don Gianni Sangermano, Seneschal

Local Events Month of June:

The 3 new champions from Dragonsspine Champions are: Heavy fighting: Gaius; Rapier: Lord Turlough and Archery: Lord Ormr. Lady Abigail reported that Champions made approx. $1100 minus bills and paying the Kingdom. Don Gianni thanked everyone who came out to participate and to talk with the King and Queen about polling. Also thank you to everyone who helped with set up and take down. It was a great event and a beautiful sight and the King and Queen really enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Mary and Larke for letting us use the sight and Lady Altani for all her help also. Please thank Mary and Larke when you see them! Don Gianni and THL Jeannette will be the new B&B in October! Many congratulations to them!!

**Barony Business:**

Mistress Lydia, **Minister of A&S** gave her report. There are exciting classes coming up the next 7 weeks! Some examples are: next Thur is SCA 101 by Master Duncah, THL Kiara will do a class on gate, THL Bronwen will talk about feasting and more!! Baronial A&S is still scheduled for Oct 1.

Please send letters of intent for the office of **Senechal** to Don Gianni and THL Jeanette, Their Excellency's and the Kingdom Senechal. If you are interested in this job please talk to Don Gianni for details.

Duchess Selene, **Heraldry** reminded everyone to only use Crayola classic color markers when filling in your device; chances are it will be returned if you use anything else. She also reported that we are the only Barony that charges $9.00 for device and name submissions. She suggested we drop it back to $8.00.

Lord Antonio, **Rapier Marshall** reported that numbers are good; there are a couple new participants and they are getting everyone authorized.

Lord Bearnard, **Archery Marshall**, reported that people are coming to practice and hope everyone had fun at Champions which it sounds like they did!

Lady Viola, **Webmaster** said that everyone's emails should be working; if you are going to be putting on an event, let her know so she can get it on the Kingdom page.

Lady Abigail, **Exchequer** reported that we have monies; at this point we only have enough money to pay for 1 month at our winter sight; please consider giving $2.00 a week; other Baronies charge more than this per meeting!

Lady Abigail, gave the **Quartermaster** report: Everything needs to be back in the building please; send letters of intent for Quartermaster to Lady Abigail.

Report given by Lady Abigail that **Gold Key** and **Chatelaine** might be combined. She still needs to know inventory and there is a suggestion to replace some of the Gold Key clothes with clothes that are a once size fits all, tunic which would be more practical.

THL Jeannette thanked all the scribes for all their work on the many scrolls that were needed for Champions; they were beautiful!

Investiture is likely to be in October; date to be announced.

Baron Knut reminded everyone it's not too early to sign up for Battlemoor. Lady Abigail is the camp coordinator for Battlemoor. Clean up dates are August 6 and 7 and 13 and 14.

IYS, Lady Lillianna Hampton

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### August 4, 2016

Meeting led by Don Gianni Sangermano, Seneschal

This is Don Gianni's last meeting as Seneschal. Mistress Mary will be taking over; date to be determined as well as place and times of future Barony Business Meetings as she cannot meet on Thursdays. The barony is taking bids for Candlemas and we got the Spring Coronation bid! Mistress Kiara will be the Autocrat. Sanger wants to thank everyone for the last 2 years; be nice to Mistress Mary and FYI Don Gianni likes to talk with his hands!

Her Excellency Mael Mide had nothing to report; His Excellency is at Pennsic!!

Duchess Selene had nothing to report for heraldry.

Mistress Lydia encouraged everyone to work on projects for A&S to compete and display. Just a reminder that you need to have a sponsor to enter to compete and the sponsor must be at the event. She also would like to encourage everyone to bring things to display at Battlemoor, even if it's just a short walk through particularly all the ladies who made such an effort on their garb for Spring Coronation! Queens Prize is October 15 and a sponsor is also needed to compete in this event.

Lady Abigail reported that the Barony has over $15,000 in the bank. Abby's warrant ends soon and she wants to train a new person to be in position by the end of the year. If you are interested please send letters of intent to her and Their Excellency's.

Lord Bearnard needs letters of intent for Archery Marshall.

Lord Turlough had nothing to report as Knight Marshall

Don Gianni reports that rapier is doing good; new people are coming; the main problem has been the rain

Cuhelyn reported that if anyone is interested in doing scrolls and you think you can't just talk to THL's Angel and Alikina! Do not worry if you can't draw as it is period to trace!!

IYS Lady Liliona Hampton

# Buisness Meeting Minutes

**Dragonsspine**
**Baronial Meeting**

September 12, 2016

Meeting led by Mistress Mary of Lyonshall, Seneschal

The meeting began with His Excellency, Broddi reading the list of recipients who won awards at Battlemoor and congratulations were given; the list is included with this report.

Lady Ealusaid and her house raised approximately $178 from the taco meal; all proceeds were given to the Kingdom.

Mistress Mary thanked several people for their contributions and time at Battlemoor:

His Excellency for the many hours of driving the golf cart and providing transportation.

Lady Isabeau for the beautiful banner.

Mistress Lydia for A&S; thank you to everyone who participated and displayed to have a good showing for DS.

Lady Abigail for all the work she did in being the land coordinator.

THL Lyssa for her incredible 4D; everyone looks forward to this.

Thank you to everyone who did scrolls.

Big thank you to Baron Knut for running a successful gate and to Lady Abigail who helped him quite a bit during the event.

Dragonsspine was well represented at Battlemoor; well done!

**Officer Reports**

Lord Antoine, **Rapier Marshall**: Practices are going well; there are approx. 17 rapiers and the numbers have been steady; there were two 14 year olds who fought at Battlemoor and did well!

Lady Viola; **Webmaster**: Gave report and working on making sure everything is running smoothly.

Lady Abigail, **Exchequer**: We have approx. $6000 in the bank and this will go down once we move meetings indoors and have to pay for rent. There was some discussion on moving Dance practice to one of the free fire station rooms; Her Grace Selene and Mistress Mary will be looking into this more; we are still looking into a more reasonable place to hold fighter practices.

Mistress Lydia, **A&S**: There is a heraldry class coming up in the future once we move indoors. Baronial A&S/Investiture is coming up quickly; Oct 1 opening promptly at 9am! Investiture court at 10am; A&S in the afternoon and ending with an afternoon court. Please send her what you are intending to compete in or display to make sure she makes room for all of your lovely projects. Spoiler alert: the prize for winning the best display for their coveted camp chairs! (not the oak per Sir Lothar…the other coveted ones…)

Duchess Selene, **Heraldry**: Gave her report on names and devices and where they are in the process. Sir Robert is still the official Court Herald; Master Duncan will be taking over at the Investiture afternoon court.

Lord Travis and Lady Heather, **Children's Ministry**: Gave their report; there hasn't been much going on during the summer; they provide activities during the in-door practices and the big event is Candlemas.

Lord Bearnard, **Archery Marshall**: Numbers are down now that summer is over; 2 to 3 archers a week; this is his last meeting as Marshall; the Barony is accepting Archery Marshall letters; thanks was given to his service and work as the Marshall for these past couple years.

The Barony is still accepting etters of intent for the following jobs: **Quartermaster, Chatelaine, Gold Key**

Past Events

Crown Tourney; congrats to The Crown Prince and Crown Princess; Sir Robert Magnus and THL Magge Magnus

Battlemoor: Dragonsspine Outcomes: Lord Bearnard won newcomers; THL Sixtus won 2nd in unbelted; Don Anton won second in the artist tourney; Lord Maximilian Kern entered the quarter finals in the non-Don tournament; congrats to everyone!

# Inactive Members List

The following persons are listed as inactive. If you are on this list and have paid for a membership, please provide the information to both the Seneschal (Gianni) AND the Herald (Selene). Thank you.

AEthelsweord of the Deepwood
Áine Dorcha ingen Rónáin
Aisha of Griffinsgate
Aithne Sideach de Graham
Alastair Kincaid
Albrecht Keller von Zürich
Alexander Grunaug
Algirdas is Sakiai
Anastasia Elizabeth Courteney
Andreas Syndikus Drachenfreund
Aneirin ap Corwyn o'r Ynis Witrin
Anne d'Avignon
Anne Gaverel d'Avesor
Arevin di Cesare
Ástríðr of Dragonsspine
August Westmoreland
Augustin von Schaffhausen
Berthelm Bradhurst
Branwyn ni Ceallaigh
Bruno the dog
Caiterína inghean Chathail
Catherine de Montlhery
Ceridwen Du
Cian an Mhachaire
Clare de Say
Coinneach McIain
Corisande de la Vallee
Corwyn ap Branwyn
David of Lonely Tower
Eldrik Dudley
Eleanor Alden of Dragonstar
Elias Trier
Elizabeth Karian of the Four Winds
Elsa Movius
Enrique de Molina
Esther Millar
Felis Cheval
Fiona Julienne nic Lowry
Florie ingen Edde de Brae Mharr
Gille Cenfadagn MacRaurie
Haldane Talon the Wicked
Harold Thredar
Heinrich die Enterich O'Reilly
Ian of Edingight
Ingvarr of Izborsk
Isabel de Morón de la Frontera
James da Triville
Judy Parenteau
Kasigi Chisato
Katya Leonovna Belokoneva
Kay Delafleur
Kirklin MacIan
Konrad MacGriffin
Kyle of Arbuthnott
Lan FeiQian
Liliona Ruth Hampton
Liobsynde Behlringere of Aelfhafen
Lizbeth la Chanteuse
Lorelle Joyan de Besancon
Lysander Keisalovitch
Mac Con mac Conaill
Marey Cathryn of Castlebar
Marie Edeline
Marko Evanovich Panfilov
Martin Castillo Da Mayorga
Melissa of Winged Hills
Meredith Guaire
Miguel Alejandro de las Corrientas
Mikhailovskaia Ladonessa
Minimoto no Kanada Giresweka
Mirabella Wintersbottom
Miranda MacTyre
Miriel d'Estoile
Morien Glyndwr
Nicholas Kenington
Petru cel Rau
Phyllis of the White Marshes
Rachel of Ravenskeep
Raedwolf von Nachwald
Raphael Les Falcone
Rhiannon ny Rory
Richard Demaris
Richard na Teanga Mhin
Richard of Bainbridge
Rozay of Sharon
Rumil Kehalovi
Salome Mara Shofar
Sarra Bradhurst
Scandlán Cáel mac Lonáin
Seamus Glas
Seamus Sutherland
Serena Ravensworth
Shauna O'Shaughnessy
Shayeth Leir Chandra ap Farthing Vale
Simonis Karatas
Siobhán McShihy
Sorcha Faulkner
Stefan of Scurlocktown
Stephen von Repgow
Susannah Northwind
Tammerlayne of T'Kal
Thomas d'Averc
Ulf Rungrim
Valentine Baylye
Victoria of Ribe
Vim Flenser
Vincent John Devereaux

# Heraldry Books Available in the Barony

The following is a list of physical resource books in the Heraldic Library.

Contact the Scalene Pursuivant (Dragonsspine's Herald) if you need to refer to one of these books, or check the Internet (NOT Wikipedia), or the library system.

**Name books**

Old Norse Names

Withycombe- English Christian Names

Oxford Dictionary of English Surnames

Welsh Place-names

Welsh Surnames

Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames - Bardsley

English Surnames (Photocopy) - Bardsley

Surnames of Ireland

Irish Names

Irish Place Names

Scottish Christian Names

Surnames of Scotland – Black

Our Italian Surnames

Japanese Names - O'Neill

Japanese Personal Names (Photocopy)

Digest of Muslim Names

Muslim Feminine Names from Period Sources – Da'ud (Photocopy)

Heraldry books

A Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry

Basic Heraldry – Friar

Papworth's Ordinary of British Armorials

Boutell's Heraldry

An Heraldic Alphabet – Brooke-Little

Complete Guide to Heraldry – Fox-Davies

Scots Heraldry

Dictionary of Heraldry – Friar

Complete Book of Heraldry

Loose/Photocopy Books

Tartans of the Clans and Families of Scotland

Index of Given Names in Withycombe's

Dutch Womena Names before 1100

List of Alternate SCA Titles

Tangwystyl's Linguistics for Heralds

File of Problem Names

Guide to Submissions Heraldry in the Outlands

File of English Name articles

French Names from Two Thirteenth Century Chronicles

Flemish Names from Bruges

Franko-Norman Names

German Names

Hungarian Names

Irish Names

Italian Names

Jewish Names

Languedoc Names

Mongolian Names

Perugia Names

Pictish Names

Polish Names

Roman Names

Romany/Gypsy Names

Scottish Names

Swedish Names

Welsh Names

English Christian names-Withycombe

English Surnames-Charles Waverly

Islandic & Heathed names-Haukur Porgersson

Precedents of Master Diud ibn Auda 7-91 to 6-92

Paul Goldschmidt's Dictonary of Russian Personal Names

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An Old Knight Telling Tales – 40 Years Ago

Pennsic V Report

Albert von Dreckenveldt

At that time, King of the Middle Kingdom

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An Old Knights Tale

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Dagan was attacked first. Duke Andrew swung around to the right and my unit ended up in a ditch filled with neck deep blackberry brambles. I discovered that we could break through if I dove into the brambles on top of my shield. We arrived at the battle just as Andrew had broken the Eastern line. There was only one thing wrong. We were still missing most of the Eastern army. Organization broke down when we couldn't find out which way they went.

Dagan took his unit and headed to the left while the rest of us started off downhill to the right where someone was running with a banner. Later we discovered it was the wrong banner. The people we were chasing got to the bottom of the hill and were stopped by a lake. They turned left, crossed a small creek, and headed up hill again. We didn't know that the Eastern army was assembled at the top of the hill. As it was, we got to the top just as Dagan was coming up from the other side.

We ended up winning a battle which looked like brilliant strategy in action, but should really be

So you Want to Be A Court Herald?

**So you want to be a Court Herald?**

Duties of a Shire, Baronial, or Kingdom Court Herald

Excerpts paraphrased from "Philosophy of Court Heraldry" and "Court Heraldry: A Checklist for Success", both by Richard Coleman.

The court herald serves two principal roles:

- The Voice of the Crown (or Baron or Baroness, etc. – Selene) Depending on the royalty, the herald may be called upon to make pronouncements, read greetings, etc., for them if they lack the voice (or the inclination) to do it themselves.
- Master of Ceremonies (MC) -- The court herald collects and screens the business for court, and conducts the court itself, moving from each item to the next to keep the court flowing.

One of the most important rules of being a court herald is: Never surprise the royalty!

Before an Event:

- Check with the Crown to find out their plans a day or two ahead of the event to establish a basic list of items to be covered.
- You will need something to write with and on, your herald's tabard, and appropriate clothing.

The day of the event:

- Greet the Crown, and put yourself at their service. Arrange to meet with them to finalize the activities you'll need to cover/introduce/schedule for them. Do this at their convenience, but make sure it is accomplished, or you will be flying blind.
- Get ready for court – wear the tabard and be sure your shoes are comfortable – you may be standing for an hour or more.

1 ½ hours before court:

- Verify the list of items with the Crown. Cover the following details:
  * For awards are the scrolls available, have they been properly signed, is the text on the scroll correct, and can you read the script clearly.
  * Will you be making proclamations or does the Crown want to do it?
  * Get the correct pronunciation for all names you will be reading.
  * If it's a Baronial court and the Royalty attend, will they want to hold a court; and, if it's a Kingdom court, will they allow other Excellencies to hold their own court.
  * Make sure BOTH monarchs are aware of the business of the court in advance.
  * Ask if they will have opening and/or closing words and be sure to leave a spot on the agenda for them.

The final report is to written by you. Be sure to collect the information of all awards and other honors given out by the Royalty – which award and who it went to, and where they are from. This report should be sent to the appropriate heralds in your chain – the Baronial Herald from the location of the event, and the Kingdom Herald (unless they are running the heraldry for the event), and (if possible) the heralds whose populace received awards.

Please read the full information from the site provided above. It explains everything in greater detail, and is very useful.

Greetings!

My tenure as Baronial Exchequer has come to an end. We are accepting letters for the next exchequer. The new exchequer will begin their tenure starting in January. Letters of intent must be sent to several gentles for consideration :myself (exchequer.dragonsspine@gmail.com), Mistress Mary (seneschal.dragonsspine@gmail.com); Their Excellencies (baron.dragonsspine@gmail.com, baroness.dragonsspine@gmail.com) and the Kingdom Exchequer. (Exchequer@outlands.org). Letters are due not later than October 28th so that the new exchequer can have a few months of training before beginning.

Yours in Service,

Lady Belva

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**Quartermaster (accepting applications)**

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Master Duncan

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- Lady Altani

**Head of Retinue**

- Madame Adelaisa Bernois

**Ladies in Waiting**

- Lady Elora von Effyn;
- Lady Isabeau de Bernac
- Lady Samantha Kennington
- Madame Adelaisa Bernois
- Lady Abigail MacNaught
- Lady Isabella Francesco
- Lady Viola di Luca

**Captains of the Guard**

- Don Antoine de Vallier
- Master Thorsinn Vandringsmann

**Guard**

- Lord Connal Mac an Druaidh
- Lord Maxamillian Kern
- Lord Seamus McRay
- Lady Veronica Francesco

**Court Herald**

- Master Duncan

**Champions**

- Heavy: Lord Gaius Marius
- Rapier: Don Seamus McRay
- Archery: Lord Bernard
- Shield of Chivalry: Morgan of Dragonsspine

**Largesse Coordinator**

- Madame Adelaisa Bernois

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The Outlands includes New Mexico, Colorado and parts of Texas and Wyoming.

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www.dragonsspine.outlands.org

We're also on Facebook as

Barony of Dragonsspine

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